

Losses to Cooperative Banks in Gujarat

3145. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several cooperative banks in Gujarat particularly in the tribal areas, are running at loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of losses suffered by each of those banks during each of the last three years and in 1996 till date alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the administrative expenditure incurred by these banks during the above period; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to check these losses?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and, the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Shortage of Staff in Banks in U.P.

3146. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of staff in the various branches of nationalised banks located in Uttar Pradesh, especially in Khurja region causing a great inconvenience to the customers;

(b) if so, the details of such banks branches where the strength of employees is not adequate;

(c) the date from which these posts are lying vacant; and

(d) the remedial action being taken by the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Value of Smuggled Goods Seized

3147. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value of the smuggled goods seized at Mumbai and Delhi airports during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether action has been taken by the Government against the guilty employees of Air India and Indian Airlines involved in these cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Voters Identity Cards

3148. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN PAPPU YADAV :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that voter Identity Cards meant for the Election purpose are also being used for other purposes; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments through Election Commission that they should issue Identity Cards to voters before March 31, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Financing of Self Employment Scheme

3149. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of the public sector banks in the matter of financing the self employment schemes during the last three financial years and the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) whether those banks achieved the targets in this regard during the above period; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to channelise finance for self employment of rural and urban poors?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The performance of the public sector banks in the matter of financing under major self-employment schemes i.e. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three financial years and during the current financial year (latest available) are set upto in the statement enclosed.

(c) The steps taken for increasing credit flow under self-employment schemes, inter-alia, include the following:

(i) Instructions have been issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks to ensure that applications recommended by sponsoring authorities like District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), district Industries Centre (DIC) and District Urban Development Agency (DUDA)/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are disposed of expeditiously and also that banks alongwith the sponsoring agencies should

extend assistance in completing pre-sanction and pre-disbursement formalities.

- (ii) The progress of implementation of these self-employment schemes is reviewed in the meetings of the State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) and District Consultative Committees (DCCs) at the State and Districts level in each State.
- (iii) A Monitoring Cell has also been constituted in RBI under the overall charge of a Deputy Governor, monitor the progress of implementation of PMRY and IRDP; and
- (iv) High Powered Committees have also been constituted at the Central level by the administrative Ministries implementing the various Government sponsored self-employment schemes for monitoring the progress of implementation and suggesting remedial measures wherever necessary.

STATEMENT

Statement indicating the performance of public sector banks under various Self-employment Schemes viz. integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Schemes of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna (PMRY) during the last three financial years i.e. 1993-94 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the current financial year (latest available).

(Number in Lakhs)			
	Year	Physical*	
		Target	Achievement
Integrated	1993-94	25.69	25.30
Rural	1994-95	21.15	21.72
Development	1995-96	N.A.	15.82
Programme (IRDP)	1996-97 (upto 30th September, 1996)	N.A.	3.09

	Year	Target	Sanct- ioned	Disbur- sement
	1	2	3	4
Scheme of	1993-94	1.23	1.83	1.49
Urban Micro	1994-95	1.20	1.44	1.18
Enterprises	1995-96	1.17	1.18	0.93
(SUME)	1996-97 (Upto 30th Septemeber, 1996)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

	1	2	3	4
Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna	1993-94 (October, 1993 to March 1994)	0.42	0.32	0.21
	1994-95	2.20	1.94	1.11
	1995-96	3.21	2.94	1.63
	1996-97 (Upto 30th October, 1996)	2.93	0.62	0.25

N.A. : Not Available

* under IRDP the Number mentioned under physical targets and achievement denote the number of families.

Child Labour

3150. SHRI L. RAMANA :

SHRI AYYANNA PATHRUDU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to object to American Law regarding stationing of child labour inspectors to ensure non-involvement of child labour in industries whose goods are exported to U.S.A.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c). While Government of India has no specific information about the proposed US law, it will be oppsoed to any extra territorial laws which may authorise stationing in India of child labour inspectors to ensure non-involvement of child babour.

[Translation]

Foreign Investors

3151. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item appearing in the *Navbharat Times* dated November 10, 1996 under the caption 'Halat Yahi Rahe To Videshi Niveshak Vapas Chale Jayenge';

(b) if so,* whether the Government propose to review its policy to increase foreign investors;